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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application. Claim 1, which is independent, is hereby amended. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

Claim 1, which was objected to for minor informalities, has been amended thereby obviating the objection.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly indefinite. Claim 1 has been amended, thereby obviating the rejection.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claim 1 is patentable.

CONCLUSION

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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